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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 16-18,
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1. REFERENCE DOCUMENT ENV(76)10 OF FEBRUARY 11 JUST ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM VI(B), DESCRIBES US EFFORTS TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL LEVELS OF PCBS IN FAVOURABLE LIGHT, SITING EPA AND FDA ACTIVITIES. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED TO GLASOE AS SOON AS ISSUED.

2. REFTTEL DISCUSSED WITH IDMAN AND RODERICK. THEY ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT IT IS TIMELY FOR US TO CALL FOR A SECOND "PCB CONSULTATION". RODERICK BELIEVES THAT THE APPROPRIATE MOVE WOULD BE VIA A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TURNER DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. SUCH A LETTER SHOULD GO OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON CONSULTATION MIGHT BE INFORMALLY OBTAINED AND FORMALLY DISCUSSED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONNECTION WITH ENV(76)17 AT THE NEXT ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE
APPROPRIATE TEXT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR'S
USE.

3. IN RESPECT TO CLYDE FARNSWORTH ARTICLE ON PCBS IN
THE NEW YORK TIMES OF JANUARY 17, MISSION HAS TRACED
SOURCE TO SECRETARIAT "OFFICIALS" WHO WERE REMINDED
OF THE CONTINUING CONCERN WHICH US HAS EXPRESSED
REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS. THE GLASOE/KRAMISH LETTER OF JANUARY 2
AND REFTEL WERE SITED AS EXAMPLES. THE OFFICIALS WERE
TOLD THAT IN THE FUTURE IF THERE WERE COMPLAINTS ABOUT
US COMPLIANCE THOSE COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE CHANNELLED,
AT LEAST IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THROUGH THE MISSION AND
NOT THE PRESS. THE OFFICIALS HAVE PROMISED COMPLIANCE
IN THIS MANNER IN THE FUTURE.
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